Proposal for declaring Porbander City as the next Revenue Distt.

2091. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Gujarat have submitted a proposal for declaring Porbander City as the next Revenue District in view of their prolong demands and aspects of revenue sources and vast development of the areas; and

(b) what is the number of centres and Taluks likely to be included in the proposed Porbander District, from the Junagadh, Rajkot, Amreli and Jamnagar Districts, and proposed total area of Porbander District?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Lower GDP Growth Rate

2092. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that gross domestic production (GDP) growth rate during 1991-92 at 80-81 prices was only 1.2 per cent as against 5.2 per cent during the year 1990-91 and that the same was the lowest during the last decade;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the important sectors of agriculture and manufacturing recorded negative growth rates during 1991-92;

(c) what are the reasons for such sharp fall in GDP and attaining negative growth rates in agriculture and manufacturing sectors during 1991-92; and

(d) the steps taken to improve the position during 1992-93 and the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (c) The Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth rate during the year 1991-92 (at 1980-81 prices) was 1.2 per cent as against 5.2 per cent achieved in 1990-91. The GDP in Agriculture declined by 1.8 per cent in 1991-92. Delayed and deficient rainfall during the year was an important factor contributing to this decline. The manufacturing GDP during the year 1991-92 declined by 2.3 per cent over the previous year. This was due to a number of factors, more important of them being compression in demand, severe cuts in imports, a low growth in exports due to recessionary conditions in the industrial economies and a drametic collapse of demand in the markets of the erstwhile Soviet Union.

(d) Government's policies to promote investment, ease balance of payments situation and trade and tax reforms have improved the prospects of growth in 1992-93.

Investment in Agricultural and Industrial Sector

2093. SHRI BHUPENDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total capital Investment in agricultural and Industrial Sectors during 1992-93 and how it compares to the year 1951;

(b) whether the change in Capital investment in both the Sectors is proportionate to each other; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING